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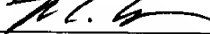
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.133(b), Applicant provides the following written statement pertaining to the substance of the telephonic interview conducted on July 17, 2003 between Examiner Paul Gurzo and attorney for Applicant, Richard V. Wells.

The interview focused on pending claim 1 and the current § 103 rejection of claim 1 over U.S. Patent No. 5,756,994 to Bajic (hereinafter "Bajic I") and further in view of UK Patent Application No. 2,324,906 A to Bajic (hereinafter "Bajic II"). Specifically, Applicant discussed how Bajic II does not teach the positioning of the exit orifice in the flow channel between the entrance orifice and the exhaust port. Rather, the exit orifice of Bajic II is located outside of the flow channel in a dead region of no net flow. The Examiner agreed with the above reading of Bajic II and suggested that claim 1 be amended to clarify the redirection of ions before they reach the exit aperture as shown in Applicant's proposed amendment (faxed to the Examiner prior to the interview). Additional details are provided in the contemporaneous amendment, filed herewith, and are adopted herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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